

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

# Veterans Services

The Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) is focused on providing quality resources for the state's 700,000 veterans to assist their transition into civilian careers. LARA supports business growth and job creation while safeguarding Michigan's citizens through a simple, fair, efficient and transparent regulatory structure.

LARA has prepared a diverse compilation of services that may apply to Michigan's veterans, active military and military families. These services include internships, occupational licensing and assistance through the Unemployment Insurance Agency and the Public Service Commission.

## LICENSING

LARA's professional licenses that may be of interest to veterans transitioning into civilian careers include:

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| ■ Accountant         | ■ Demolition            | ■ Physical Therapist    |
| ■ Architect          | ■ Electrician           | ■ Physician's Assistant |
| ■ Athletic Trainer   | ■ Engineer              | ■ Plumber               |
| ■ Boiler Installer   | ■ Mechanical Contractor | ■ Residential Builder   |
| ■ Building Inspector | ■ Nurse                 | ■ Security Guard        |

A waiver is available for certain licensing fees and training requirements for honorably discharged veterans.

## UNEMPLOYMENT

Veterans facing job loss or difficulty finding employment may find assistance through resources that include:

- Unemployment Compensation for Ex-Service Personnel (UCX) is unemployment insurance protection for ex-service personnel upon separation from service. UCX is available for all ranks who served in the U.S. Armed forces of the United States and who meet certain requirements.
- The UIA has a voice message line for veterans only. Veterans with a UCX claim can call toll-free (855) 707-8387 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) is a federal tax credit for employers who hire workers from targeted groups, including veterans, which have experienced difficulty in securing employment. WOTC reduces an employer's cost of doing business while helping those most in need find and retain jobs.

## UTILITY ASSISTANCE

- The Michigan Public Service Commission's Consumer Standards and Billing Practice Rules provide utility shutoff protection for eligible military families.